Contracts for collection and stocking of royalties.

204. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the coupes which were auctioned this year (1105) and last year (1104) in the Pattanapuram taluk for the collection and stocking of royalties without notification in the Gazette; and

(*b*) the persons to whom such coupes were given?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No coupes were sold in auction either in 1104 or in 1105 in the Pattanapuram taluk for the collection of royalties.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether any coupes have been given to contractors without notification in the Gazette when tenders are invited and are not received?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No coupes were sold in auction. That is stated in the answer.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I ask whether the Government can assure me on the point?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is a general statement for a particular locality.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I ask whether no coupes were hitherto given to contractors without notification in the Gazette?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No. For these two years it was not done, in that taluk.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the same assurance can be given with respect to the other taluks also?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: How does that arise as a supplementary question, Mr. Kesava Pillai?

Women Offenders in Police Lock-ups.

205. **MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to give due consideration to, and to take steps to better the provision made for, women offenders confined in Police lock-ups?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes. The question of bettering existing conditions where they are found to be not satisfactory will be considered.

Bridge across the Masupatti river.

206. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to question No. 39 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd December 1927, *re* bridge across the Masupatti river (Page 103, Vol. XII of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state why the bridge has not yet (8-1-1930) been restored for traffic?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : There is a proposal to develop a road along the right bank of the Masupatti river and if this is done, there would be no necessity to spend money on the bridge. However, the whole question of the road and the bridge is left for the consideration of the Road Board.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know when the bridge was washed away ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : In Dhanu 1099.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : That is six years ago ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know when the Road Board was constituted ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Very recently.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know whether the matter has been placed before the Road Board that has been formed very recently ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know whether temporary arrangements were made in the meanwhile for traffic to pass over the river ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. It was made in 1099 itself.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Am I to understand that temporary arrangements were made for the past six years, for traffic to pass over the river ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : This is what the Chief Engineer says : " A wire rope foot bridge was constructed at the site for transport of goods during the freshes and floods and a diversion road across the river fordable during low freshes and dry season."

This was made at once. Therefore there was no inconvenience caused to traffic.

Kidangoor English School.

207. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil cum Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the year in which the St. Mary's English Middle School, Kidangoor, was established ;

(*b*) whether it is enjoying recognition from the Government ;

(*c*) whether the school admits all pupils without any distinction of caste or creed ;

(*d*) whether there were any divisions for any class in any year till now (3-1-1930) ;

(*e*) whether the school is conducted satisfactorily ; and

(*f*) whether the Government have received any complaint from applicants or parents on the ground of refusal of admission or want of accommodation ?

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